

## MCE Hosts 2015 CARES Graduation

On June 29, 2015, The MCE CARES reentry program graduated 13 participants. This marked the conclusion of a six-month commitment that these men made to lead positive lives but also served as an important accomplishment that will set the tone for successful reentry to the communities that they will serve. MCE's Executive Assistant, Ashley Lohr, welcomed guests and informed the audience of the powerful impact that MCE continues to have by

providing inmates with marketable skills and confidence, greatly contributing to reduced recidivism rates. As a company, MCE is committed to assisting inmate workers in reaching their goals and successfully transitioning into society.



The graduation ceremony encompassed a group of powerful speakers including CMCF's Facility Administrator, Leonard Rice; MCE Client Service Coordinator, Jean Dennis; MCE Business Development Coordinator, Christopher Gross and MCE Director of Reentry Services, Anthony Morgan, Jr. The guest speaker for the graduation was Christopher Wilson, Entrepreneur and Director of Community Workforce Development at Greater Homewood Community Cooperation.

Mr. Wilson, who is also an ex-offender that served 16 years of incarceration, delivered an impactful and heartfelt message. He used his personal testimony of rising above the traumatic events in his life as a means of connecting and providing motivation for the MCE CARES graduates. Mr. Wilson emphasized that when you surround yourself with the right influences, such as faith, strong mentors, supportive friends and a positive mindset, then incarceration does not have to be the defining moment within their lives. Chris Wilson encouraged the graduates to utilize the lessons learned and networks gained from the MCE CARES program and to always remember that they are never alone in their quest for change.

MCE CARES was honored to have Christopher Wilson graciously provide his time to speak at the graduation and is excited about continuing to build our partnership in the future. MCE would also like to give a special thank you to MCE Plant Managers, CMCF's case management team and all of the loving relatives of the MCE CARES graduates. MCE CARES is truly grateful for your support and we look forward to continuing to make an impact behind and beyond the walls.